

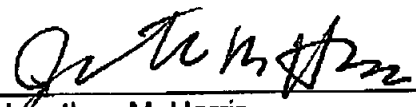
Appl. No. 10/691,350  
Amdt. dated November 29, 2004  
Reply to Office action of September 29, 2004

#### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received the Office action dated September 29, 2004, in which the Examiner: (1) rejected claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite; (2) rejected claims 15, 19 and 26 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting; and (3) objected to claims 16-18 and 20-25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten. Applicants amend claim 24 to recite the inclusion of "a bus connector" thereby addressing the Examiner's § 112 concerns. Without regards to the merits of the Examiner's double patenting rejection, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the double patenting rejection. Accordingly, all claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. It is believed that no extensions of time or fees are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

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